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Docket No.: 4444-044

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Yves LIATARD *et al.*

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/507,244

Filed: September 10, 2004

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: Confirmation No. 9078  
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: Group Art Unit: 3653  
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: Examiner:For: DEVICE FOR SURFACE TREATMENT OF OBJECTS WITH REDUCED SIZE AND  
IMPROVED ERGONOMICSRESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 26, 2007, DECISIONCommissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respond to the November 26, 2007, Decision by forwarding a Declaration signed by Rosanna Kaplan, who has testified that her signature is on the "Certificate of Facsimile Transmission" and that she must have been the person who filed the papers accompanying the facsimile transmission. Her Declaration is accompanied by two Exhibits: a copy of the facsimile transmission certificate that bears her signature and a copy of the facsimile transmission report indicating the facsimile was satisfactorily transmitted to the PTO shortly before midnight. Ms. Kaplan testified that, at the time, she frequently worked until midnight and frequently sent facsimiles to the PTO shortly before that hour. Based on the foregoing there is adequate proof in the record that Ms. Kaplan was the person who sent the papers to the PTO on March 14, 2005.

Applicants also respond to the November 26, 2007, Decision by submitting herewith a translation of the nine original claims filed with the international application.

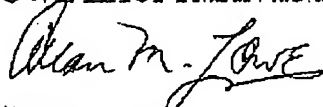
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In view of the above, all the requirements set forth in the Decision have been satisfied and entry of the application into the examination process is in order.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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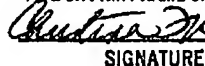
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Examiner:

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AND IMPROVED ERGONOMICSSTATEMENT OF ROSANNA KAPLANCommissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

I was an employee of the attorney for applicants on March 14, 2005. I am the person who signed the facsimile transmission certificate filed March 14, 2005 (enclosed Exhibit 1).

While I do not specifically remember signing the certificate, my signature appears on the certificate. I would not have affixed my signature to the Certificate if I had not sent the facsimile transmission to the Patent and Trademark Office as stated.

I note from the enclosed copy of the facsimile transmission verification (enclosed Exhibit 2) that the facsimile was transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office shortly before midnight. At the time, I frequently worked until midnight and sent facsimile transmissions to the Office shortly before that hour.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements

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and the like so made are punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Rosanna Kaplan  
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12-17-07  
Date